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INVENTION: GOLF BALL AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME (AS AMENDED)

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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

PART I.

1. This communication is responsive to 7-25-97
REMAINING.
2. All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
3. The allowed claims are 1, 3, 6-15, 17-22, 24, 27-29 + 32-47.
4. The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
5. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [...] been received. [...] not been received. [...] been filed in parent application Serial No. _____ filed on _____.
6. Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
7. Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTO-413.
8. Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
9. Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
10. Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

PART II.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

1. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
2. APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
a. Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 7-25-97. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
b. The proposed drawing correction filed on 7-25-97 has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
c. Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
d. Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER.

Attachments:

Examiner's Amendment
 Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTO-413
- Reasons for Allowance
- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449
- Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152
- Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948
- Listing of Bonded Draftsmen
- Other

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Page 1, lines 3-7, "This application ... 1995" has been changed to This application is a continuation-in-part of (1) U.S. Application Serial No. 08/591,046, filed on January 25, 1996, (2) U.S. Application Serial No. 08/542,793, filed on October 13, 1995, the latter of which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application 08/070,510, filed June 1, 1993, now abandoned, and (3) U.S. Application No. 08/562,540, filed November ²⁰ 1995, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/070,510, filed June 1, 1993, now abandoned.

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Claim 3, line 1, "2" has been changed to -1-.

Claim 7, line 1, "5" has been changed to -1-.

In the Abstract, line 2, "an" ^(first occ.) has been changed to -a thermoplastic- and "60 or more" has been changed to -at least 65-. Line 3, "50" has been changed to -48-.

The title has been changed to -Golf Ball and Method of Making Same-.

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Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Covello on September 18, 1997.

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